

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1861

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Geneva Hayes on the celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Hayes recently celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayes has lived through some of the greatest changes and innovations in our country's history; she grew up in a home without any "indoor conveniences" and began driving a car before driver licenses were required; and

WHEREAS, Geneva Hayes grew up on a farm, where she helped her father with the cows, chickens, and pigs; she attended Frasier's Chapel School, and during high school, she met her husband, Willard Hayes. The two were wed in the fall of her senior year and spent the first thirty-two years of their married life in Washington, D.C., raising their four children there before moving back to White County in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayes had an art studio where she painted china and taught art classes to other aspiring artists and local hobbyists; and

WHEREAS, a woman of abiding faith, Geneva Hayes says that the secret to longevity is to love the Lord and your neighbor; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ms. Hayes has been surrounded by the love of family; she is a beloved matriarch who has been blessed with ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Geneva Hayes on the celebration of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.